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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of William Giddens; and

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WHEREAS, William Giddens was born on August 3, 1925, in St.  
5 Joseph, Missouri; his parents were William and Mary Jane  
6 Giddens; and

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WHEREAS, William Giddens joined the United States Navy in  
8 1942; after attending boot camp in Farragut, Idaho, he served  
9 on the U.S.S. Steamer Bay in the south Pacific during World War  
10 II; he subsequently returned to Great Lakes, where he met and  
11 married Mary Lou Jensen; shortly after, he was stationed in  
12 Norfolk, Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, After his stint with the U.S. Navy, William  
14 Giddens attended barber school and later owned his own shop in  
15 Waukegan; he was elected the first alderman of the new 7th Ward  
16 in North Chicago and served as chairman of the body responsible  
17 for building the city hall; he later left his barbershop to  
18 join the Lake County Sheriff's office, where he retired after  
19 serving his community for over 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, William Giddens traveled to all 50 states, but  
21 loved Wyoming and Montana the most; during his travels, he went

1 to Yellowstone Park 55 times; he was also an avid photographer  
2 and an avid John Wayne fan; and

3 WHEREAS, William Giddens was a member of the Fraternal  
4 Order of Police and the Illinois Police Association; he was a  
5 member of the Masonic lodge for 50 years, Scottish Rite and the  
6 Tebala Shrine Temple; he was also a member of the Tebala Motor  
7 Patrol and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 7448; and

8 WHEREAS, William Giddens is survived by his wife, Mary Lou,  
9 and his many friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
12 his family and friends, the passing of William Giddens; and be  
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of William Giddens as an expression of  
16 our sympathy.